sex, descent, place of birth, residence or any of them. Since recruitment is not made on the basis of race, community, religion, place of birth, etc., no religion-wise data relating to Central Govearnment employees is maintained.

Legislation for reservation of Seats in Parliament and State Legislatures for OBCs

1183. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation for reservation of seats in Parliament and State Legislatures for the members belonging to OBC category; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to improve the representation of OBCs in State Legislatures and Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. Legislation for reservation of seats in Parliament and State Legislatures for OBCs is a policy matter and may require detailed consultation with the political parties for arriving at a consensus amongst other things before a view is taken by the Government in this regard.

Constitutional Benefits to SCs for Conversion

1184. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to extend the Constitutional benefits available to Scheduled Castes to converts from these Castes to Christiantiy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): The matter is being examined alongwith all such proposals received from various States Union Territory Administration in the light of modalities approved by the Cabinet Committee on Scheduled